

THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CIVIL CITY OF NEW ALBANY, INDIANA, HELD ITS REGULAR MEETING ON TUESDAY, JULY 3, 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOM ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE CITY-COUNTY BUILDING.

PRESENT: Anthony B. Toran, President, Chas Hunter, Matt Denison, Corporal Todd Bailey, Code Enforcement Officer Pam Badger, Traffic Division Supervisor Officer Joe Lewis, Fire Chief Ron Toran, Deputy Fire Chief Stanley Mason, Street Dept Director Chuck Simons, City Clerk Marcey Wisman, Building Commissioner Ron Hartman, Controller Kay Garry

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Toran called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

NEW BUSINESS:

Item #1 - JonPaul re: curb cut at 111 Hausfeldt Lane.

Paul Collings, JonPaul, addressed the board regarding an addition they are doing on Hausfeldt Lane and the need for a possible curb cut that was not originally on their plans. He stated that he has talked with the City engineer and they are going to do a site visit.

Mr. Hunter stated that he would contact Mr. Collings before days end to set up a time to go out.

Item #2 - Officer Joe Lewis & Chuck Simons re: 3-Way stop at Hausfeldt Lane & Green Valley.

Officer Lewis reported that he and Mr. Simons are of the agreement that a three way stop is needed at this intersection because of a blind spot in the roadway.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Hunter stated that they should give warning to the people as they come down the hill.

Mr. Simons stated that he has already ordered the signs with the blinkers.

Mr. Toran asked where we are with the three way stop at Bono and Green Valley road.

Mr. Simons explained that the stop sign will go up on Friday; they are waiting for the blinker lights to put up a few days before the sign goes up.

Officer Lewis stated that they looked at the south bound of Bono and they need to realign the turning lane and once that is done it will make things much safer.

Item #3 - George Scholl re: speed limit signs Mt. St. Francis.

Item #4 - Louis Schmitt re: Parking lot on Main.

Ms. Wisman reported that Mr. Schmitt talked with her about the parking lot by his store, and he believe there are several handicap spots in the lot which he believes is more than necessary and he wanted to know if they could do away with a couple of them and make spaces for his employees to park.

Officer Lewis stated that his recommendation is that he agrees with Mr. Schmitt. There are more than necessary.

Mr. Toran stated that it should still be a 2 hour parking.

Mrs. Wisman stated that the lot in question is not a city lot, that he lets the city lease it for \$1 a year.

Mr. Hunter stated that he would suggest that they allow for the removal of a couple of the spots but that they give them some time to figure out who owns the lot and how many handicap spots are there.

Officer Lewis stated that there are 8 handicap spots and he will check on who owns it.

Item #5 - Gene Abshire re: no parking signs in alley behind 1822 E Oak St.

Ms. Abshire requested that a no parking sign be put in the alley behind her house at 1822 E. Oak Street. She has had a problem for the past few years getting her car in and out of her garage with cars blocking the entrance.

Mr. Toran asked Officer Lewis to look into this.

Item #6 - Stephanie Romero re: street cut request @ 2007 McDonald Ave.

Mr. Denison stated that Ms. Romero called him yesterday and stated that they purchased a lot next to her property at 2007 McDonald Ave. and she wants to have a driveway put in on the other side. He explained that he took a look at it and everything seems fine.

Mr. Denison moved to approve the request for a street cut at 2007, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor

Item #7 - Jim Hollis re: drain on the corner of Twin Oaks and Roanoke

Mr. Hollis addressed the board regarding a drain in his neighborhood and read a petition regarding the outlet at the corner of Twin Oak and Roanoke.

Mr. Taylor stated that Mr. Hollis is correct that there is a large indentation. He stated that the problem occurred due to the numerous layers of asphalt. He and Brian Dixon would like to meet with Chuck Simons to discuss inserting a steel plate to support a vehicle to allow for a smooth transition for a car yet the water will be able to run underneath of it to a catch basin.

Mr. Toran stated that he has asked Mr. Hunter to get with Mr. Taylor and Mr. Simons regarding this issue.

Mr. Hollis stated that if nothing is done this is going to cause serious issues

Mr. Hunter asked Mr. Hollis to give them some time to look at the problem and find a solution.

Mr. Taylor stated that he has issued an active work order for this.

Item #8 - Chief Harl re: Police Uniform change

Chief Harl requested approval for a uniform change, to add a stripe to the pants and presented examples of the materials and colors that would be used.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted to approve.

Item #9 - Jamie Becker re: guard rail at 2211 Slate Run Road. (5025525037)

Ms. Becker approached the board regarding an issue with the guard rail in the alley behind her house. She explained that the guard rail ends where there is a gas line and it leaves it vulnerable to the cars that are backing in and out and she is concerned about it being hit. She presented the board with pictures of the area.

Mr. Simons stated that they need to do a locate again on this area and he will report back to the board if they can get deep enough to put the posts in.

Item #1 - Traffic concerns at Grantline and Cherokee

Tom Schellinberg reported that he has looked at this situation and he timed how long cars needed to sit on Cherokee before they could get out. He found that there are times that cars had to sit for over 3 minutes before they were able to pull onto Grantline. He explained that he timed these delays on a Tuesday and the traffic isn't near as bad as it would be on a Friday or Saturday.

Mr. Toran stated that he still believes that this is too long for people to sit and wait and he thinks they need to petition the state and continue to visit this issue every week until something is done.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the amount of traffic that will be going through the area

COMMUNICATIONS - CITY OFFICIALS:

Deputy Chief Mason requested that acting sergeant Kevin Evans be promoted up to permanent sergeant.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

Mr. Toran reported that as of noon today Deputy Chief Stan Mason will be sworn in as Chief due to the retirement of Chief Toran and he invited everyone to the reception that was being held in the assembly room at noon.

Ms. Wisman presented a resolution regarding the Silver Street improvement project that should have been on the agenda and explained that it needs to be looked at and approved and stated that if there were any questions Mr. Rosenbarger was there to answer them.

Mr. Hunter moved to approve, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

David hall reported on the situation from 1411 South Street.

Chief Harl presented a JAG Grant that needs to be approved by the Board of Works. He explained that it has been approved by the Mayor and by the County and that they have received this grant in the past.

Mr. Toran stated that for the record this is the Justice Assistance Grant between the City and Floyd County for \$14,924.00.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

Mrs. Garry reported that they have before them a bid received from Gibson

Mr. Rosenbarger stated that the board will need to set a date for a Public Hearing for the Silver Street improvement project.

Mr. Toran stated that the Public Hearing will be on July 26 at 10:00 a.m.

Officer Lewis introduced Officer State who will be taking over his position after he retires.

COMMUNICATIONS – PUBLIC:

Greg Neely, 318 Pearl Street, addressed the board regarding a site distance problem with the bushes in the island along Market Street. He stated that the bushes have grown to the point where it is hard to see at the intersections and he believes it could pose some problems.

Mr. David Thomas, President Regulators Club, requested street closing on July 13, 14 and 15 from 6:00 p.m. Friday-4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Mr. Denison moved to approve, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor

BIDS:

Southern Indiana Waste Systems - \$36,000 to be paid in 6 equal installments.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to take the bid under advisement, Mr. Denison second, all voted in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Hunter moved to approve the minutes from June 26, 2007, Mr. Toran second, all voted in favor Mr. Denison abstained.

Mr. Toran reported that he received a call from the Mayor that there is a problem with commercial parking in the lot at the corner of Oak and Scribner Drive in the old Farmers Market lot

Mr. Denison moved to prohibit commercial parking at the corner of Scribner and Oak in the old Farmers Market lot, Mr. Hunter second, all voted in favor.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Anthony B. Toran, President
Board of Public Works & Safety**

**Marcey Wisman, City Clerk
Civil City of New Albany, Indiana**